

REMARKS

In accordance with the above amendments, claim 19 has been amended and claims 1-4, 9-10 and 13-19 remain under consideration in the present application. Claims 5-8 and 11-12 stand as being withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

It is believed that the amendment to claim 19 overcomes the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, inasmuch as it now recites active steps within the body of the claim.

With respect to the rejection of claims 1-4, 9-10 and 13-19, provisionally under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting with respect to claims 20-40 of co-pending Application No. 09/734,282, applicants stand ready and willing to provide a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to patentable claims as necessary, but believe any disclaimer at the present time would be premature.

Accordingly, applicants believe the present claims have overcome all of the rejections of record and should otherwise be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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